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Application of: **HASTINGS et al.**

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**THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND  
RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the Communication mailed on March 29, 2001 (Paper No. 11), Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Version With Markings To Show Changes Made. Please amend the application as follows:

***In the Specification:***

Please delete the section entitled "Brief Description of the Figures" at page 4, lines 8-28, and replace therefor the following rewritten section: